

148. (New) A method according to claim 112, wherein the controlling step controls the telephony system to accept a new input speech command from the user while reproducing a message and uses the recognition result of the new input speech command.

149. (New) A method according to claim 112, wherein the controlling step controls the telephony system to notify the user when all messages identified by said identifier are reproduced.

150. (New) A method according to claim 112, wherein said receiving step receives an input speech command comprising a plurality of continuously spoken words defining a desired telephony service;

wherein the method further comprises the step of storing a language model which defines sequences of the reference word models which can be compared with the input speech command, in order to define allowed input speech commands; and

comparing the input speech command with selected sequences of the reference word models, selected in accordance with the stored language model and wherein said controlling step executes an operation corresponding to the input speech command.—

REMARKS

Claims 63 to 85 and 88 to 138 were allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued on November 2, 2001. The present RCE was filed to further amend the claims and to add new claims.

Accordingly, Claims 63 to 85 and 88 to 150 now are pending in the present application. Claims 63, 65, 67, 70, 72, 76, 83, 89, 91, 93, 96, 98, 102, 109, 112, 114, 116, 119, 121, 124, 131, and 134 have been amended. Claims 139-150 have been added. Claims 63, 64, 88, 89, 90, 112, 113, and 131 to 138 are independent.

Applicants believe that the subject application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the subject application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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